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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A drill pipe protector having a tubular sleeve that is attached to a section of drill pipe and resides over the outer diameter of the drill pipe while moving within an associated well casing or well hole. The sleeve has low-friction end pads positioned on the ends of the sleeve to reduce friction between the ends of the sleeve and the end of an adjacent 10 thrust bearing collar used to hold the sleeve in place on the drill pipe.

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